

GE docket 126119-1
Appl. No. 10/687,407
Amdt. Dated June 21, 2006
Reply to Office action of March 21, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is being submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2006.

Claims 5, 6, 8 and 13 were rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. Claims 1-3, 5-9, 12-15 were rejected under 35 USC §102 (a) as being anticipated by Lee et al. (US Patent Application Number 2003/0189175). Claims 1-3, 5-9, 12-15 were rejected under 35 USC §102 (e) as being anticipated by Lee et al. (US Patent 6,740,884). Claims 4, 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee. Claims 1, 5, 6, 8 and 13 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-15 remain pending in this application. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 5, 6, 8 and 13 were rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 5, 6, 8 and 13 have been amended to correct antecedent basis. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 5, 6, 8 and 13 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

Claims allowable over the submitted art

Claims 1-3, 5-9, 12-15 were rejected under 35 USC §102 (a) as being anticipated by Lee. Claims 1-3, 5-9, 12-15 were rejected under 35 USC §102 (e) as being anticipated by Lee et al. (US Patent 6,740,884).

In response to the rejections, an affidavit of Ji-Ung Lee, Douglas Albagli and Ching-Yeu Wei, under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 has been prepared and is being executed at the time of filing of this Response, declaring that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the Lee reference was derived from the co-inventors of the present application and is therefore not the invention by "another". Applicants will file the Affidavit by Supplemental Response. Applicants kindly request the Examiner's indulgence and that the present response be considered a bona fide attempt to respond to the Office Action. Accordingly, the independent claim 1, and the claims depending therefrom, is believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are requested.

Claims 4, 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee. The claims rejected under this section depend directly or indirectly from independent claim 1. As

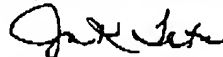
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discussed with reference to the 102 rejections, Applicants believe that independent claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Consequently, claims 4, 10 and 11 are believed to be patentable both by virtue of its dependency from an allowable base claim, as well as for the subject matter it separately recites. Reconsideration and allowance of dependent claim 4, 10 and 11 on this basis are requested.

In view of the foregoing amendment and for the reasons set out above, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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